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Applicants wish to thank Examiner for his courtesy in granting the interview held on January 25, at which time the difference over Paquette were discussed, as in particular embodied in claim 1, as above amended. Paquette requires an auxiliary light source 42, and in conjunction with a secondary power failure detection circuit, not needed by applicant. Applicants' system provides power to existing traffic signal lights that are normally supplied with power from the AC source, not to a separate signal system, when power failure of the AC power source occurs and it does so in a novel manner through the flasher means. This has utility in solving an existing problem of not being able to operate traffic signal lights presently when the AC power source fails. Paquette describes a separate signal system without consideration of supplying power to the traffic signal lights; the Paquette et al patent is critically dependent upon incorporation of "an auxiliary light source". Without the "auxiliary light source", the Paquette et al invention ceases to be operable as it is a critical component.

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Dependent claims 2-5, 9, 11-16, 31, 32, 33 and 36 should then also be allowable in the novel and unobvious environment of claim 1.

Method base claim 17 has also been amended in the same manner as claim 1 has been amended, and should be allowable, along with dependent claims 18-21, and 25-30.

Claim 6 has been amended to be independent, and should now be formally allowable along with dependent claims 7, 8 and 10, per the Action.

Claim 22 has been amended to be independent and should be favorably allowable along with dependent claims 23 and 24, per the Action.

Each of claims 37 and 38 has been made independent, and should be favorably allowable, per the Action.

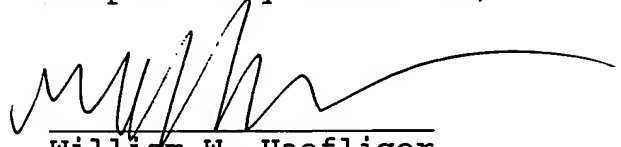
Paquette fails to teach or suggest the totality of each of the claims now presented for reasons discussed whereby such claims are believed and urged to be favorably allowable.

A check in the amount of \$400 is enclosed to cover the independent claims.

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Allowance is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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